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SUBJ: OBIT RICHARD A COULTER

REF: A. TEHRAN 5455 B. STATE 147204

1. BELIEVE INFORMATION IN REF TEL (B) SUPERSEDED BY TELEPHONE CALL BETWEEN FATHER OF RICHARD COULTER AND WIDOW CLARA ON EARLY MORNING JULY 3 AND TELEPHONE CONVERSATION HELD WITH FATHER BY MYNA WHEAT, PERSONNEL OFFICER, AND DAVID PATTERSON, FSO AND FRIEND OF RICHARD'S 10 AM JULY 3.

2. FATHER ASSURED MRS COULTER AS WELL AS WHEAT AND PATTERSON THAT PARENTS WOULD SUPPORT ANY DECISION MADE BY MRS COULTER REGARDING BURIAL. ALSO EXTENDED WARM INVITATION FOR MRS COULTER AND INFANT DAUGHTER TO COME TO CALIFORNIA.

3. MRS COULTER DECIDED TO HAVE RICHARD BURIED IN TEHRAN AND FUNERAL AND BURIAL HELD MONDAY JULY 8.

4. FOR YOUR INFORMATION COULTER FAMILY ORIGINALLY NOTIFIED THAT FUNERAL WOULD BE FRIDAY JULY 5, BUT DUE TO TECHNICALITIES INVOLVING IRANIAN AUTHORITIES IT WAS NECESSARY TO POSTPONE FUNERAL UNTIL MONDAY JULY 8. PARENTS WERE NOT INFORMED OF THE DELAY AS THE CONSENSUS AT POST WAS NOT REASON TO ADD TO THE PERIOD OF THEIR INTENSIVE GRIEF, ESPECIALLY AS THE FINAL DECISION HAD BEEN LEFT TO MRS COULTER.

5. CONGRESSMAN MATHIAS' OFFICE INTERESTED.

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